Statement of Governor Haley Barbour

April 5, 2005

"Like most Mississippians, I am disappointed that this Legislative Session has ended without a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. With the contentious, three-month-long Regular Session now ended, I believe a brief 'cooling off period' for legislators would be helpful.

I hope after some time of reflection on the important task at hand, legislators can return to Jackson for a short and productive Special Session to agree on a budget for Mississippi."